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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Use of Imagery Analysis Resources in Petroleum
and Energy Analysis

I do not claim to have all the answers on how energy analysis in general can best be conducted in NFAC, but I do have strong views about the use of the imagery analysis resources that participate in the effort. My position is stated in some detail in the attached memorandum (Tab A) which I sent to Sayre in June 1978. I will only summarize here. Simply stated, I continue to be convinced that the imagery analysis support required for this multidisciplinary effort will be most productive and effective when managed by OIA and conducted [redacted] I think it is crucially important to the quality of the analysis, to the career development and morale of the analysts, to the most efficient use of the scarce supply of resources, and most important to the further development of NFAC's primary imagery analysis resource--namely, the pool of intellectual talent embodied in our imagery analysts. Moreover, as the attached memorandums (Tab B and Tab C) demonstrate, imagery analysts have in the past and continue to participate very successfully in multidisciplinary analytical efforts without having to relocate.

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Director
Imagery Analysis

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